

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus, comprising:
an image forming section; and
a sheet feed apparatus aligned to feed a sheet to the image forming section and
comprising

a sheet feed roller in pressing contact with an uppermost sheet of a plurality of
sheets, and

a tilt member comprising a first synthetic resin and opposing the sheet feed
roller, said tilt member including

a contact face in pressing contact with the sheet feed roller, and
a tilt face in contact with an edge of the uppermost sheet, said tilt face
and said contact face each comprising another synthetic resin, said another
synthetic resin comprising one of

polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),

polyethylene (PE),

poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and

polyimide (PI).

Claim 2 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
tilt face and said contact face each comprise polybutylene terephthalate (PBT).

Claim 3 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyethylene (PE).

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 6 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyimide (PI).

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said entire tilt member comprises at least one of:

polybutylene terephthalate (PBT);
polyethylene (PE);
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK); and
polyimide (PI).

Claim 9 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said tilt member comprises:

a support member comprising at least one of
ABS resin;
polyacetal (POM);
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT); and
polycarbonate (PC).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A sheet feed apparatus, comprising:

a sheet feed roller in pressing contact with an uppermost sheet of a plurality of sheets; and

a tilt member comprising a synthetic resin and opposing the sheet feed roller, said tilt member including

a contact face in pressing contact with the sheet feed roller, and

a tilt face in contact with an edge of the uppermost sheet, said tilt face and said contact face each comprising another synthetic resin, said another synthetic resin comprising one of

polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),

Polyethylene (PE),

poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and

polyimide (PI).

Claim 11 (Original): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polybutylene terephthalate (PBT).

Claim 12 (Original): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyethylene (PE).

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Original): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 15 (Original): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyimide (PI).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, said entire tilt member comprising at least one of:

polybutylene terephthalate (PBT);
polyethylene (PE);
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK); and
polyimide (PI).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A face for use in a sheet separator tilt member of a sheet feed apparatus, said sheet separator tilt member comprising a synthetic resin, comprising:

a face comprising another synthetic resin, said another synthetic resin comprising one
of

polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),
polyethylene (PE),
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and
polyimide (PI),

wherein the face is at least one of a contact face and a tilt face.

Claim 18 (Original): The face according to claim 17, wherein said face comprises polybutylene terephthalate (PBT).

Claim 19 (Original): The face according to claim 17, wherein said face comprises polyethylene (PE).

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Original): The face according to claim 17, wherein said face comprises poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 22 (Original): The face according to claim 17, wherein said face and said contact face each comprises polyimide (PI).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A sheet feed apparatus, comprising:
means for sequentially feeding sheets to an imaging device; and
means for separating individual sheets with a tilt member comprising a synthetic resin
and a tilt face and a contact face, said tilt face and contact face each comprising another
synthetic resin comprising one of
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),
polyethylene (PE),
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and
polyimide (PI).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): In a method for feeding sheets to an imaging device,
the improvement comprising:

separating individual sheets with a tilt member comprising a synthetic resin and a tilt face and a contact face, said tilt face and contact face each comprising another synthetic resin comprising one of:

polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),

polyethylene (PE),

poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and

polyimide (PI).

Claim 25 (Original): The method according to claim 24, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polybutylene terephthalate (PBT).

Claim 26 (Original): The method according to claim 24, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyethylene (PE).

Claim 27 (Cancelled).

Claim 28 (Original): The method according to claim 24, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 29 (Original): The method according to claim 24, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyimide (PI).

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one of polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), polyethylene (PE), poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and polyimide (PI) is mixed with a glass fiber.